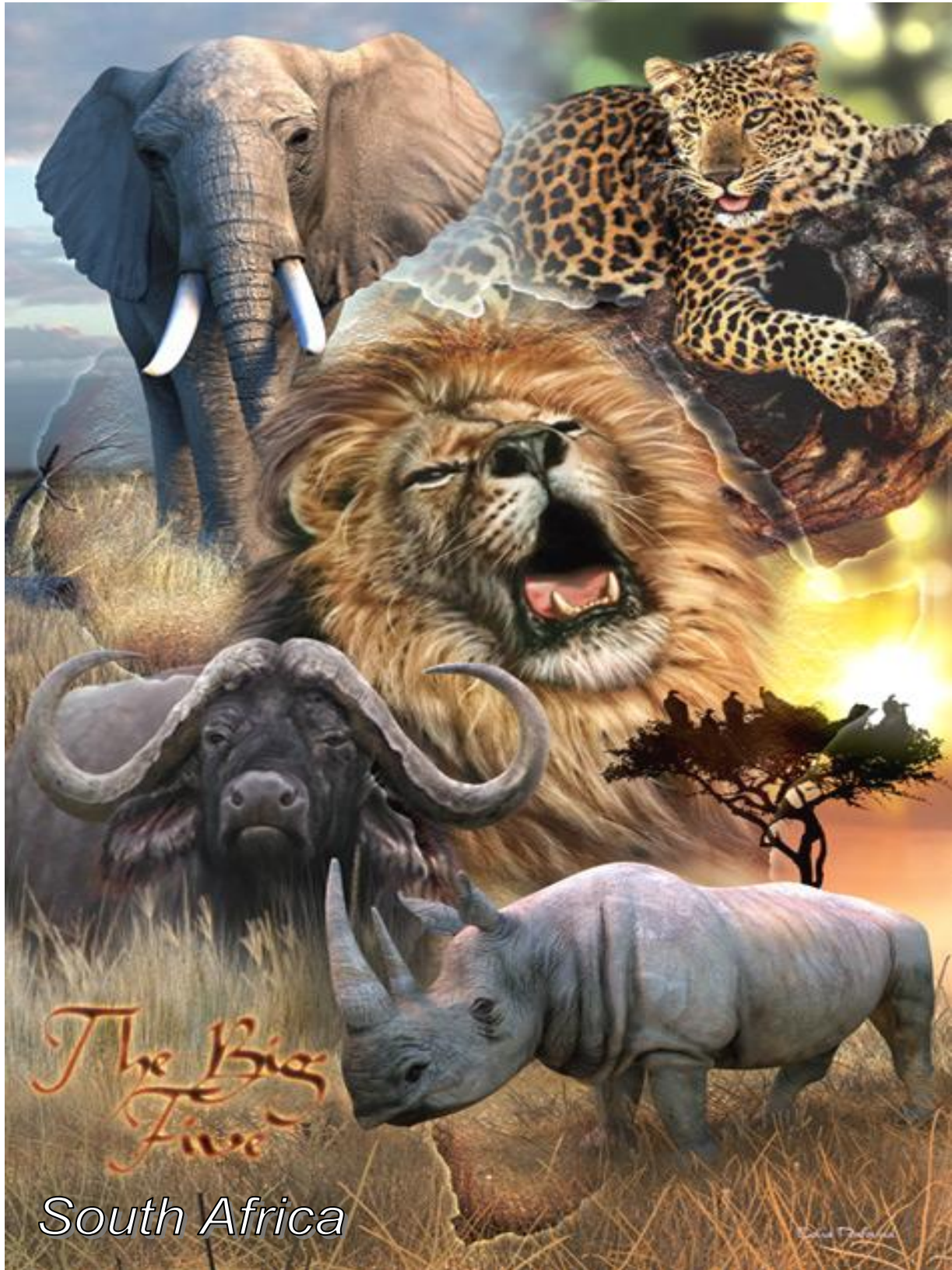


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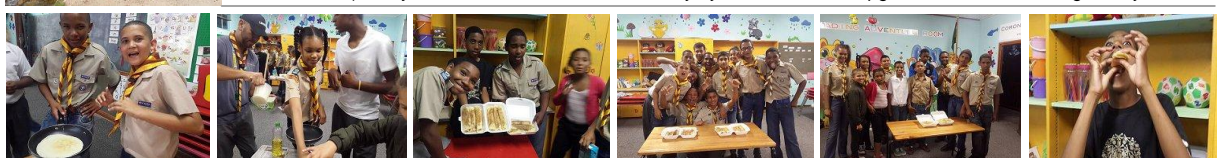
**South Africa's Big 5** - Rhino, Elephant, Lion, Buffalo and Leopard - are some of our magnificent animals entrusted to our care by God. Most can still be seen in our protected National Parks and are being preserved for future generations to also enjoy, at great cost and care. The Rhino, however, is being killed off and now actually on the endangered list due to the myth that the horn has certain magical powers for men in powder form, when in fact due to total ignorance, it has just as much power as dead campfire ash. The amazing cover photo (these animals look even more spectacular live and close up) is with acknowledgement and thanks to [Southernstar-africa](http://southernstar-africa.com) and their very informative site on South Africa.



**Our Horn is not Medicine** ...our very own **Rhino Ranger**, 1<sup>st</sup> Bergvliet Springbok Scout Daniel Fenton, will be embarking on his 'Hope for Horns' Rhino awareness walk in May 2016. He will be walking 922 kms from Phinda Private Nature Reserve to Botswana's Ramatlabama Border Gate over 45 days. Along the way Dan will stop at communities and schools to talk about the importance of Rhinos to the environment and how they contribute to ecotourism in South Africa. This will be another way of reaching local people from very small and overlooked villages which surround our reserves. Education has always been Our Horn is NOT Medicine's main objective. We are very grateful to Pic 'n Pay for making a R5 000 donation to help keep Dan and his teams bellies full throughout their 45 day adventure. If you would like to make a donation to our 'Hope for Horns' walk, please do so [through this link](http://this link). All contributions will go towards the Rhinos Without Borders project.



**2015 Saw Hawequas** going through **many changes**, with thanks to generous donations, volunteers and dedicated staff. To mention a few projects off the cuff above normal maintenance; Barn painting, Ole House Stoep tiled, grass and fire hubs planted with emergency fire drum storage, massive Pine Forest development with 27 level sites, opened by Councillor for Parks and Environment Dr Lourens Du Toit and Lizzelle Koen Asst Project Manager from PSI, with 200 donated Yellowwood trees planted by Scouts, Cubs Rovers and more on a special hot open day, a mountain bike trail cut and opened (excellent walking trail as well), Blue gum tree topping, mobile fire tank, pump and hose (still requires a trailer donation) ready for action and the latest EIA study by a CSIR team to upgrade our entrance bridge this year.



**1<sup>st</sup> Belhar pancake night** on Mon 9 Nov, with much fun mixing, tossing, turning, laughing and then... eating all their delicious efforts.



Sat 14 Nov the first **Atlantic District Competition** was held in the Oranjezicht Area. Patrols from 9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Cape Town, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cape Town and 1<sup>st</sup> Durbanville participated, with helpers from 1<sup>st</sup> Camps Bay joining.

Fri 27 Nov **1<sup>st</sup> Hermanus** Sea Scouts and Cubs held a **Mayoral procession** from Swallow Park to Lemm's Corner to switch on the towns Christmas lights for 2015. An absolute pomp affair... ☺

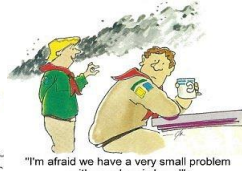






Table Bay Rovers 'service' started bright and early on Sat 7 Nov at the Mouille Point Lighthouse by assisting the **Organ Donor Foundation of SA** marshalling their 5km walk. They were not alone, thanks to the Kanonkop District Rover Crew and 1st Pinelands Rover Crew for coming along as well and being Proud2b absolutely awesome!



**Hawequas** once again experienced a **fire** on Wed 9 Dec, starting on Olyvenbosch side and running up the Spruit River. We were very lucky with quick response from emergency services and a great team of fire fighters, 2 Water Bombers, 1 Alo Helicopter, 3 4x4 fire engines, countless Bakkie Sakkies, an Incident Control Centre in Ole House and 95 soles on the fire line! Thanks all our Rovers providing tons of sandwiches.



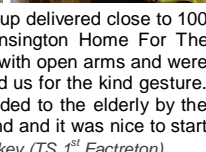
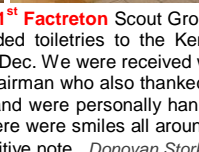
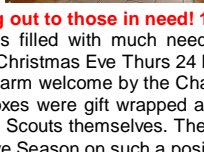
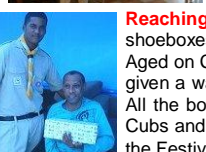
**3rd Pinelands Cub Camp** adventure moved... Sat 12 to Sun 13 Dec. What do you do if there is a fire at Hawequas and you have to postpone a Pack camp? It could end in a nightmare! Well, you camp in your hall grounds, of course! Well done Pack, for a good attitude all round, and a huge thank you to Hathi, Kaa, and Chef. It rained, some of us got wet, but overall... we had a huge ball! ☺



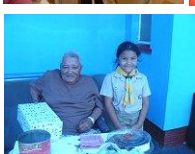
**1st Steenberg Christmas Party** Wed 16 Dec. Today I am extremely proud as a Troop Scouter to have witnessed one of our goals as a Troop being reached. With the help of our families, community and local Businesses we were able to host a Christmas party for 40+ kids from poor communities at our hall. I thank all for their grand work in this event and let's continue to keep up the basics of scouting...



**Sea Scouts sailing** around the tranquil picturesque Sandvlei in December. If you would also like to sail... contact a Sea Scout Group!



**Reaching out to those in need! 1st Factreton** Scout Group delivered close to 100 shoeboxes filled with much needed toiletries to the Kensington Home For The Aged on Christmas Eve Thurs 24 Dec. We were received with open arms and were given a warm welcome by the Chairman who also thanked us for the kind gesture. All the boxes were gift wrapped and were personally handed to the elderly by the Cubs and Scouts themselves. There were smiles all around and it was nice to start the Festive Season on such a positive note. *Donovan Storkey (TS 1st Factreton)*







**John Anthony Hunneyball**  
20 March 1935  
Fri 6 Nov 2015  
An example to Scouting Nationally



**Dudley Allin**  
14 Jun 1946  
Wed 9 Dec 2015  
Many Scouting years & foundation of early Hawequas



**2<sup>nd</sup> Hout Bay camping at Hawequas** and having fun before Christmas on the newly developed and growing 'Yellowwood Forest' sites.



At the start of the new 2016 year, **9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Cape Town** had an amazing Troop Camp in Greyton, earning three different badges and spending much time swimming in the huge dam.



Cool by the pool at the CW12 Swimming Gala Sat 30 Jan 2016!



Carl 'Serpent' Rayner



Bree Street Museum



Alan Shinton

### Brief awareness history of the Western Cape Scout Heritage Museum at 'Gilwood' (Goodwood)

**Where did it all start?** During the period 1965 to 1982 Mr Carl Rayner became the first Archivist to venture into the hidden past. He spent many hours sorting, reading and making a pathway that others would follow. In 1970 he took on the task of writing up the History of Scouting in the Cape from 1908. Well into his eighties with his task completed, 'Serpent' as he was fondly remembered, passed away in 1982. Work then stood still until 1990 when Alan Shinton took over as Archivist. He was to explore and catalogue the over 90 years of Scouting in the Cape. It was Alan's idea to create a Museum and display Scouting's hidden treasures.

**Museum opens in Bree Street Cape Town:** On Heritage day 2000 the museum section was opened by Colin Inglis and to acknowledge Carl Rayner's contribution, his Granddaughter Linda Thompson opened the reference library which was then named after him. The museum's stay was however short-lived as the building was sold and after two weeks the exhibits were packed away and moved to the new abode in Goodwood. Then came the mammoth task of sorting out all the boxes containing the museum artifacts, archives, and library into their new locations.

**Museum re-opens in Goodwood Milton Road:** Sunday 25 November 2001 saw the re-opening of the Scout Museum by Andre Bredenkamp the Area Commissioner. The Scout Band was in attendance and guests were able to view the exhibits. The Museum, Library and Archives were now part of an integrated Heritage Centre and at that time the Team members were; Alan Shinton, John Waterhouse, Ruth Cloete, Richard Dey, Denzil Roberts, Colin Inglis, Jock Ritchie, Les Weber, Jenny Howard and Caryl Curran. Alan passed away in November 2004, but his legacy still lives on.

**The digital age:** By 2007 Social Media and the Internet were upon us and the Heritage Centre had just one webpage, that was soon to change. Retiring from the corporate world and with the team down to just Denzil, John and Jock they were joined by Stuart Ravenscroft who applied his IT skills in digitising and indexing many of the records. Scouring the archives to record our long Scouting history he created anecdotes sourced from the records of those South Africans who were witness to these historical events. Most had never been published before and are now on the [Heritage Website](http://www.hcsc.org.za).

**'Gilwood' is born:** The next reorganisation of the Museum display area came when the Western Cape Office relocated to Rondebosch in early 2013. Once again many of the exhibits were boxed as the floor space was reallocated to accommodate a lecture hall. With the interior freshened up the Training Team moved in and we became 'Gilwood'. Unpacking and placing the memorabilia then took place giving both the museum and the training area a genuine 'Scouty' feel to the building. This time there was even more Scouting memorabilia as the collection from the National office was transferred to the museum at Gilwood. Mick Hatton was the next to join the Heritage Team and much of the redecorating was done by him. Not only were his practical talents put to good use, but he has done great work in the archives. Andre Foot joined the team 'full time' towards the end of 2015 and his IT graphic expertise is most welcome. Andre had for a long time been quietly helping Stuart with the web development and now also enjoys arranging the displays. Merging and cataloguing the two collections is still being addressed and is progressing well along with other tasks. The growth of the Museum, Library and Archives will depend on the enthusiasm of the Heritage Team and now goes way beyond their Thursday morning teas.



Scenes from **Gilwood and the present Heritage Team** tasked with preserving Scouting's history for future generations (l-r) Denzil, Mick, Stuart, Andre.

